

Fact Sheet

Public Input During Scoping

What is Scoping?

The scoping process is an opportunity for the public to identify topics to be covered in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provide recommendations to Reclamation. Your input will help Reclamation to identify:

- Significant topics to be analyzed in the EIS.
- Topics that have already been adequately addressed in prior environmental reviews.
- Potential alternatives to develop the reasonable range of alternatives.
- Potential mitigation measures for the proposed action.
- People or organizations who are interested in the EIS.

How Can I Get Involved?

Reclamation encourages the public to be involved throughout the EIS process for the Remanded Biological Opinions on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. For this public scoping phase, comments are being accepted through May 29, 2012.

Ways to provide comments:

- Comment Card
- Verbal comments at Scoping Meetings, including verbal comments provided within the meeting, and individual comments to Transcriber at Scoping Meetings
- Mail/Email: Janice Piñero, Endangered Species Act Specialist, Bay-Delta Office, 801 I Street, Suite 140, Sacramento, CA 95814-2536
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For additional information, please visit: www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice.



Making the Most of Your Comments

Develop your comments, taking the following into consideration:

- What topics are of greatest concern to you and why?
- Are there additional topics that should be evaluated?
- What alternatives or mitigation measures do you think would help to lessen or avoid impacts?
- Can you suggest information resources?

What Issues Might be Addressed in the EIS?

- Water resources, including groundwater, water quality, and climate change
- Land use, including agriculture
- Socioeconomics
- Biological resources, including fish, wildlife, and plant species
- Cultural and historic resources
- Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions
- Soils, geology, and mineral resources
- Visual, scenic, or aesthetic resources
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Indian Trust Assets
- Environmental justice